



Morale, Welfare & Recreation

Travel Fair offers array of entertainment options

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Anyone who thinks “there’s nothing to do around here,” must have missed the Aberdeen Proving Ground Leisure Travel Expo held at the Post Recreation Center May 16.

From hotel rooms to ballparks, from hiking trails in Western Maryland to exploring the Chesapeake, there was something for everyone.

Vendors from all over the region ‘hawked their wares’ at the annual event hosted by Morale, Welfare and Recreation’s Leisure Travel Center.

Stacie Umbarger, MWR Leisure Travel Center manager, said the 20 vendors in attendance were representative of the wide array of recreational and entertainment options in the Mid-Atlantic region.

“The travel expo is a way to acquaint our clientele with the numerous programs offered through MWR and various tourism outlets in the surrounding area and states,” Umbarger said.

The vendors, most of whom offer special rates and discounts to military service members and civilians through

the Travel Center, said that they appreciate the patronage from APG.

From The Orioles organization, account executive Jacqueline Lee Olup provided the Oriole Bird who signed autographs and took photos with guests.

Olup gave away game calendars and baseball cards as well as information on the Jr. Orioles Club for Kids.

“We’re here to promote Military Appreciation Night at Camden Yards,” Olup said.

The event will be held Aug. 6 during the Orioles game versus the New York Yankees.

“We hope that Soldiers and their families can come out and enjoy the game while we pay tribute to their service,” she said.

Julie Rankin, marketing promotions manager for the International Spy Museum in Washington, D.C., said that customers can purchase tickets through MWR.

“The museum has the largest collection of KGB era equipment in the world,” Rankin said, adding that through the end of June the featured exhibit is the Spy Treasures of Hollywood.

“It’s a fun learning experience,” she said.

Other family entertainment choices included Six Flags America which celebrates its 45th anniversary this year and is offering daily tickets for \$30.

“It’s going to be a big party all year long,” said marketing account executive Megan Holz.

Also, Kings Dominion, located near Richmond, Va., is hosting a big 4th of July Spectacular and also features specials for military families through MWR.

Closer to home, the National Aquarium in Baltimore features a new Australian exhibit, and the B&O Railroad Museum near Baltimore’s Inner Harbor now operates the Ellicott City Station, both of which now are open Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

In addition, the Maryland Zoo in Baltimore features a new parakeet landing exhibit, camel rides and coming soon, a giraffe feeding station.

The rest of the participants included Prime Outlets of Washington County; Medieval Times; Icelandair; Maryland Tourism; Prince William County, Va. Tourism; Busch Gardens; Washington Plaza Hotels; Choice Hotels International; the Wingate



APG police officer Daniel Rodriguez, right, gets an autograph from the Oriole Bird during the Aberdeen Proving Ground Travel Expo at the Post Recreation Center May 16.

Inn; Red Roof Inns; Wisp Mountain Resort and Ski Roundtop.

Program specialist Charles Heinsohn manned the MWR display table, distributing flyers about upcoming trips and classes, including dog training, ballroom dancing, introduction to canoeing and tennis and

jujitsu lessons.

For more information about these and other programs, contact MWR Tickets and Leisure Travel, building 3326, at 420-278-4907/4011, e-mail mwr_registration@apg.army.mil, or visit the Web site, www.apgmwr.com.

LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

The Aberdeen Library is now located in the Recreation Center. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday and closed on Friday. For more information, call 410-278-3417.

The library’s Web site, www.apgmwr.com/recreation/libraries.html, provides access to the library’s online catalog and also has a complete annotated listing of the library’s new material, as well as a list of available films on DVD.

SCHOOL LIAISON

Summer workshops for youths

Youths from ages 14 to 21 can get a jumpstart on future summer employment or set their goals for future careers with workshops offered in Harford and Cecil counties.

Bel Air Workforce Center Information

2 South Bond Street, Bel Air

Job Search 101

1 to 4 p.m., June 13 and 16

Career Planning

1 to 4 p.m., June 18 and June 23

Background Checks Security Clearances

1 to 4 p.m., June 27

First Real Job?

1 to 4 p.m., June 28, Aug. 8 and 11

For more information, call Frances Bond, 410-836-4603.

Cecil County Workforce Center

Information

1275 West Pulaski Highway, Elkton

Job Search 101

10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m., June 19 and 26

Career Planning

9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m., June 20 and June 27

Background Checks Security Clearances

9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m., June 21 and 28

First Real Job?

10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m., June 22 and 29

1 to 3 p.m., Aug. 24

10 a.m. to noon, Aug. 31

For more information, call Joan Schwartzman, 410-996-0550.

Activities

All services, classes and events are available to DoD cardholders, military, civilian, contractors, retirees, family members and guests. For information on these or any other events, please check out www.apgmwr.com.

Lynyrd Skynyrd, 3 Doors Down coming to APG

The Army Concert Tour will appear at Shine Sports Field on APG June 24. Gates open at 6 p.m., show starts at 7 p.m. Advance tickets cost \$30, day of show tickets cost \$35. To purchase tickets call Ticketmaster, 1-800-551-SEAT; visit the MWR Ticket Office in building 3326 or Hoyle Gym and Fitness Center, building E-4210 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.); via telephone, call 410-278-4907/4621/4011, TTV 410-278-4110; or e-mail mwr_registration@apg.army.mil. No refunds, concert is rain or shine.

Aberdeen Recreation Center Snack Bar

An alternative lunch choice is the Recreation Center Snack Bar in building 3326 where there are many choices for a quick lunch 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, dining inside or outside on the patio. Cheese steak subs, turkey burgers, pizza and much more are offered. It is open for dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Visit the MWR Web site for exact times or call 410-278-2621.

Army Community Services is located in building 2754, Rodman Road. For information about these or any other services that ACS offers, call 410-278-7474/2453.

ACS Lending Closet

The Lending Closet’s objective is to assist arriving and departing families and Soldiers allowing them to borrow top quality items at no cost. It is open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

Parent Information Exchange (PIE)

This program is for Exceptional Family Members and is 6 to 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month. This support group is designed to assist military families who have family members with special needs. Its goals are to improve the members’ ability to cope and dis-

cuss community resources. Free child care is available; call in advance if needed.

Play Mornings

ACS offers a weekly play group on Monday and Wednesday, 9:30 to 11 a.m. for parents and children under 6-years-old to meet other parents while their children socially interact with each other. This is an ongoing program and play groups are held in the APG Chapel, room 5.

Employment readiness class

Each month, ACS hosts a class to help people jump start their career. The next class is 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., June 14 in building 2754 on Rodman Road.

Volunteer instructors needed

For information on any SKIESUnlimited program or anyone interested in teaching classes such as kindermusik, history, grammar, reading, and mommy and me tumbling, call Sarah Behl, 410-278-4589. To register for classes, visit Central Registration, building 2752 or call 410-278-7571/7479.

Driver’s education

Several sessions of drivers’ education are being taught on both Aberdeen and Edgewood. Students 15 to 18 years of age must attend and complete 30 hours of classroom instruction and 6 hours in car instructions. Student must have a Learners Permit. Parents, guardians, or mentors must attend the first class with student.

Piano lessons

Lessons will be held Tuesdays and Fridays, June 20 to Aug. 25. The cost is \$136 for eight 30-minute sessions at the Aberdeen Youth Center. Space is limited, register now. Students will be responsible for purchasing the required books for the course as recommended by the instructor.

SpiritUnlimited Cheerleading Camp

Camp will be held 8 to 11 a.m., July 11 to 13 at the Recreation Center. The cost is \$60. The staff is made up of college and professional instructors from the University of Maryland,

Rolling Reader will bring books to APG children

The Rolling Reader, Harford County Public Library’s outreach vehicle, will join Child and Youth Services to provide “Clue into Reading,” a free Summer Reading Program for children not enrolled in the CYS Summer Camp program.

CYS will provide art, craft and game activities while children wait to go into the Rolling Reader to check out books.

Children will be able to check out and return their books at the Rolling Reader or any Harford County Public Library.

The program includes a free tote bag upon registration.

Library cards will be available on site for parents and children who do not have one. Parents must bring a valid driver’s license, military ID with orders, or a recent utility bill with a local address.

Children under the age of 18 must have a parent or guardian fill out a library card registration form. Children under the age of 13 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Forms are available through the Harford County Public Library Web site www.hcplonline.info under “Library Services,” or through the installation at Outreach Services, in building 2752, office 201.

The Rolling Reader will visit 11 a.m. to noon on Thursdays throughout the summer.

The Rolling Reader will visit Skipper’s Point Park in the Edgewood Area June 22, July 6, 20, Aug. 3 and Aug. 17. The Rolling Reader will visit the New Chesapeake Playground in the Aberdeen Area June 29, July 13, 27 and Aug. 10.

Baltimore Ravens, Washington Redskins and many more.

Martial Arts

Lessons will be held Wednesdays, 5:30 to 7 p.m., June 21 to Aug. 16 at the Aberdeen Youth Center. The cost is \$35. The instructor has 34 years of experience in the Martial Arts and is the owner and Master Instructor of the Scarlet Dragon Lung-Fu-Do System.

Chess

Chess classes will be held 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Thursdays at the Aberdeen Youth Center. Students will learn the basic rules of chess, offensive and defensive strategies, how to gain advantage over opponents, what to do when behind, and how to move a piece to obtain superior board position.

Scrapbooking

Scrapbooking classes will be held 6 to 7:30 p.m., every Wednesday in building 2752. All materials are included except students will need to bring in their own photos. Students will make a new layout during every class.

Jujitsu

Jujitsu classes will be held 6 to 7 p.m., Monday at the Aberdeen Youth Center Gym. Grandmaster Soto, a 10th degree black and red belt, will be instructing.

Basic Auto Mechanic class

Basic Auto Mechanic classes designed to enable the student to perform maintenance on a vehicle’s engine and accessories will be held 5:30 to 7 p.m., Thursday nights at the Automotive Crafts Center, building 2379.

For information on Outdoor Programs, call Charles Heinsohn, 410-278-3868. To sign up for a class, visit MWR Registration, located in building 3326, call 410-278-4011/4907, e-mail mwr_registration@apg.army.mil or visit Web site, www.apgmwr.com.

Beginning kayaking

Enjoy an instructional class designed to enable the student to become proficient in the safe operation of a kayak in open water beginning June 9.

The course will consist of hands-on training in the water. A hat, sunscreen, water, towel and a change of clothes are recommended. All equipment is provided.

Canoeing

This course is designed to teach the basic fundamentals of canoeing. Students will learn the various types of equipment and boating safety. The information provided will help them select the equipment and canoe best suited for their individual needs. The class will be held 5 p.m., June 30 at the Aberdeen Boat Dock.

For information on these or any other division of sports and fitness, call Ralph Cuomo, 410-278-2812.

APG sponsoring team in Army 10-Miler—runners needed

The APG Community Recreation Division Sports Branch is sponsoring a team in the upcoming Army 10-Miler, Oct. 8 in Washington, D.C. Team participation is limited to active duty Army personnel assigned to APG. A qualifying five-mile run will be held at Hoyle Gym and Fitness Center, E-4210, in Edgewood, 8 a.m., June 11.

CRD will pay the entry fee, provide race day transportation and a team shirt to all qualifiers for the D.C. event. Qualifiers must provide a signed statement from their commander authorizing them to participate in the Oct. 8 event. Interested runners must pre-register no later than June 5. This is not a Commander’s Cup event.

For more information, visit www.armymtenmiler.com or call Cuomo, 410-278-3812 or Capt. Kirk Pietsch, 410-436-9677.

All-Army Women’s Softball

Apply to the All-Army Women’s Softball team until June 15. AKO account holders can visit <https://armsports.cfsc.army.mil> to process the application, which will automatically route through their commander and sports director to the Army Sports Office.

All-Army Men’s Softball

Applications will be accepted until June 28 to the All-Army Men’s Softball team. If chosen to be a part of this elite team, participant will be asked to participate in the Armed Forces Championship at Elgin AFB, beginning Sept. 16. Other championship dates may arise. To apply, go to <https://armsports.cfsc.army.mil> using AKO account.

2006 Combative Tournament

A Grappling Competition will be held at the APG Athletic Center, building 3300 July 15. All active duty male and female Soldiers are encouraged to enter.

All Soldiers must pre-register by July 4. This is a team competition. Each unit may enter one person in each weight category. There will also be a drill sergeant “Hard Core Competition.” For more information, contact Sgt. 1st Class Brian Sarjeant, 410-278-7400 or Staff Sgt. Jeff Dyer, 410-278-5150.

To sign up for a youth sport, contact Central Registration, building 2752, 410-278-7571/7479. All sports participants must have a current sports physical, due at registration and be a member of Youth Services.

Challenger Soccer Camp

Challenger Sports’ British Soccer Camp includes individual skill development, professional British coaching staff, programs for all levels, daily world cup style tournament, free ball, free T-shirt and, as a bonus, if signed up 45 days before the camp, receive a \$30 British Soccer Replica Jersey.

Camp dates are July 24 thru 28; times vary by